

**Approval of March 6, 2003 Minutes**

**REGIONAL COUNCIL ATTACHMENT #3.1.1**

**Thursday, April 3, 2003**

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NO. 440

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

March 6, 2003

MINUTES

**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.**

The Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at SCAG Offices downtown offices. The meeting was called to order by President Hal Bernson, City of Los Angeles.

**Members Present**

Councilmember Hal Bernson, Los Angeles, President	District 59
Mayor Bev Perry, Brea	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President District 22
Supervisor Charles Smith, Orange County	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President
Supervisor Bob Buster, Riverside County	
Supervisor Judy Mikels, Ventura County	
Supervisor Paul Biane, San Bernardino County	
Supervisor Yvonne Burke, Los Angeles County	
Councilmember Jo Shields, Brawley	District 1
Councilmember Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
Councilmember Charles White, Moreno	District 3
Mayor Ron Roberts, Temecula	District 5
Councilmember Lee Ann Garcia, Grand Terrace	District 6
Councilmember Susan Longville, San Bernardino	District 7
Councilmember Deborah Robertson, Rialto	District 8
Mayor Bill Alexander, Rancho Cucamonga	District 9
Councilmember Gary Ovitt, Ontario	District 10
Mayor Lawrence Dale, Barstow	District 11
Mayor Richard Dixon, Lake Forest	District 13
Councilmember Lou Bone, Tustin	District 17
Councilmember Tod Ridgeway, Newport Beach	District 14
Councilmember Alta Duke, La Palma	District 18
Councilmember Shirley McCracken, Anaheim	District 19
Councilmember Ron Bates, Los Alamitos	District 20
Councilmember Art Brown, Buena Park	District 21
Mayor Bruce Barrows, Cerritos	District 23
Councilmember Gene Daniels, Paramount	District 24

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### **Members Present – Cont'd**

Councilmember Keith McCarthy, Downey	District 25
Councilmember Melanie Andrews, Compton	District 26
Councilmember George Bass, Bell	District 27
Councilmember Judy Dunlap, Inglewoud	District 28
Councilmember Bonnie Lowenthal, Long Beach	District 29
Councilmember Tonia Reyes-Uranga, Long Beach	District 30
Mayor Pro Tem Bea Proo, Pico Rivera	District 31
Councilmember Robert Bruesch, Rosemead	District 32
Councilmember Dick Stanford, Azusa	District 33
Councilmember Paul Talbot, Alhambra	District 34
Councilmember Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel	District 35
Councilmember Sid Tyler, Pasadena	District 36
Councilmember Tom Sykes, Walnut	District 37
Councilmember Karen Rosenthal, Claremont	District 38
Councilmember Ken Blackwood, Lomita	District 39
Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Jacobs, El Segundo	District 40
Councilmember Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica	District 41
Councilmember Bob Yousefian, Glendale	District 42
Councilmember Mike Dispenza, Palmdale	District 43
Councilmember Dennis Washburn, Calabasas	District 44
Mayor Toni Young, Port Hueneme	District 45
Councilmember Glen Becerra, Simi Valley	District 46
Councilmember Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura	District 47
Councilmember Ruth Galanter, Los Angeles	District 58
Councilmember Jeff Miller, Corona	District 63
Mayor Debbie Cook, Huntington Beach	District 64
Councilmember Robin Lowe, Hemet	RCTC

### **Members Not Present**

Mayor Ron Loveridge, Riverside	District 4
Councilmember Cathryn De Young, Laguna Nigel	District 12
Councilmember Ed Reyes, Los Angeles	District 48
Councilmember Wendy Greuel, Los Angeles	District 49
Councilmember Dennis Zine, Los Angeles	District 50
Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles	District 51
Councilmember Jack Weiss, Los Angeles	District 52
Councilmember Alex Padilla, Los Angeles	District 54
Councilmember Jan Perry, Los Angeles	District 56
Councilmember Nate Holden, Los Angeles	District 57
Councilmember Cindy Miscikowski, Los Angeles	District 58
Councilmember Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles	District 60
Councilmember Nick Pacheco, Los Angeles	District 61

Councilmember Janice Hahn, Los Angeles  
Mayor James Hahn, Los Angeles  
Mayor Bill Davis, Simi Valley

District 62  
At-Large  
VCTC

**Staff Present**

Mark Pisano, Executive Director  
Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director  
Colin Lennard, General Counsel  
Bert Becker, Chief Financial Officer  
John Cox, Director, Planning & Assessment  
Hasan Ikrata, Acting Director, Planning & Policy  
Jim Sims, Director, Information Services  
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Councilmember Glen Becerra, City of Simi Valley.

**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no comments presented at this time.

**3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

**3.1 Approval Items**

The following Consent Calendar & Receive & File items were  
MOVED (Pettis), SECONDED (Bruesch) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

**3.1.1 Approve Minutes of Feb. 5, 2003**

**3.1.2 Request for SCAG co-sponsorship of 2003 High-Speed Ground  
Transportation Association Annual Conference**

**3.1.3 Approval of Contracts**

- IBI Group
- Solimar Research Group
- Xerox
- Meyer Mohaddes

### **3.2 Receive & File**

#### **3.2.1 Conflict of Interest Listing**

#### **3.2.2 Purchase Orders**

- Hunningbird

### **3.3 PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

#### **3.3.1 Appointments**

##### **District Election Results**

(Newly elected members will take office at close of the General Assembly in May, unless filling a vacant seat)

District # 3	Hon. Charles White, Moreno Valley (Re-elected)
District # 5	Hon. Ron Roberts, Temecula (Re-elected)
District # 63	Hon. Jeff Miller, Corona (Re-elected)
District # 7	Hon. Susan Longville, San Bernardino (Re-elected)
District # 9	Hon. Bill Alexander, Rancho Cucamonga (Re-elected)
District # 11	Hon. Lawrence Dale, Barstow (Re-elected)
District # 33	Hon. Dick Stanford, Azusa (Re-elected)
District # 35	Hon. Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel (Re-elected)
District # 37	Hon. Tom Sykes, Walnut (Re-elected)
District # 39	Hon. Paul Nowatka, Torrance (Newly elected)
District # 41	Hon. Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica (Re-elected)

##### **Subregional Representatives to Policy Committees**

###### **From CVAG:**

To CEHD:	Hon. Gary Bosworth, Desert Hot Springs
To EEC:	Hon. Paul Marchand, Cathedral City
To TCC:	Hon. Will Pieper, Desert Hot Springs

###### **Representing SANBAG:**

To CEHD:	Hon. Josie Gonzales, Fontana
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###### **Representing VCOG:**

To EEC:	Hon. Mary Anne Krause, Santa Paula
To TCC:	Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark

##### **Water Policy Task Force**

W. Bowman Cutter, UC Riverside  
Ed T. Demesa, Army Corps of Engineers  
Anthony Fellow, Metropolitan Water District  
Mike Schulz, US EPA

### **3.4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mark Pisano presented an update on the Regional Transportation Improvement Program. He stated that staff analyzed the air quality conformity exempt projects submitted by the transportation commissions for the 2002 RTIP Amendment 2. The Amendment meet the requirements for financial constraint and staff has forwarded it to the funding agencies for their approval. In addition Mr. Pisano spoke with legislative and administration leaders in Sacramento, as well as local agencies about the impending Transportation Conformity issue that SCAG and other regions in the State face, given the expected shortfalls of funding which will put, at least, the region out of compliance.

Mr. Pisano also reported that the Maglev staff and consultants are working toward the development of a JPA for the Ontario to West Los Angeles segment of the LAX/March Corridor. Thanks to the efforts of Senator Diane Feinstein, SCAG received an earmark for an additional \$500,000 in maglev funding from the FY 2003 Federal Transportation Appropriations. The total federal funds available now are \$1.5 million. He noted that federal funds require \$1.25 million local match. SCAG staff and electeds officials are exploring options to find local match to continue maglev deployment starting July 1, 2003.

## **4.0 ACTION ITEMS**

### **4.1 Administration Committee Report**

#### **4.1.1 2003 General Fund Budget**

The General Fund (GF) is the only financial resource for working capital, support for your Regional Council and Committee meetings, travel, RC meeting stipends, and the Annual General Assembly and Retreat. It also supports our Federal and State lobbying costs, interest on our line of credit and rapid pay fees to Caltrans, capital acquisitions, and all legal fees, which are not otherwise allowable to be charged to grant funds by Federal and State administrative rules.

The FY 2004 GF budget includes an increase in reserves of \$418,039. The increase is primarily due to the depreciation recovery of \$341,339. This amount is reported as revenue to the GF, and returns the amount of the actual resources used by the GF, as the assets are depreciated. The proposed 10% increase in the annual dues assessment and an anticipated decrease in legal fees are the additional reasons for the increase in the General Fund Reserves.

Councilmember Tyler, Vice Chair, stated that the Administration Committee recommended that General Fund Budget be approved with the following amendments: (1) The special projects line item be reduced to \$50,000 and the balance be placed in a new line item to pay down the line of credit; and (2) The General Assembly line item be reduced to \$5,000 and the balance also be placed in a new line item to pay down the line of credit.

It was MOVED (Tyler), SECONDED (Lowe) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to approve the General Fund Budget and forward to the General Assembly for consideration.

4.1.2 Draft 2003/2004 Overall Work Program

The Administration Committee recommended that the Regional Council approved the Draft FY 2003-2004 Overall Work Program.

It was MOVED (Tyler), SECONDED (Lowe) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to approve.

Staff was directed to draft a short synopsis of the OWP for purposes of making presentations to member cities and other interested parties.

4.1.3 Proposed Date, Location, and Budget for SCAG's 2003 General Assembly

The General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of the Association. The GA provides the opportunity for delegates from all member jurisdictions to gather and conduct the business of the organization. The proposed program for the day will include the regular monthly meetings of the policy committees and the Regional Council as well as the business session of the GA. The proposed budget is for the cost of food service.

It was MOVED (Tyler), SECONDED (Young) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to approve the proposed date, location and budget for the General Assembly.

4.1.4 Authorization to submit a grant Application to U.S. EPA to Study Air Quality Impacts

It was MOVED (Tyler), SECONDED (Lowe) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED authorizing submittal of a grant application to U.S. EPA.

#### 4.1.5 Proposed Membership Dues Increase

Councilmember Tyler stated that over the last few years, General Fund expenses have increased. A significant cause for this increase has been the need to pay interest on a Line of Credit and a fee to the State to accelerate payment of invoices. These costs are necessary due to a lack of working capital.

To help increase working capital, The Finance Plan, which the Regional Council adopted in concept at its June 6, 2003 meeting, proposes to increase member dues 10% in FY 2003-2004 and FY 2004-2005. Even with the 47% increase in dues implemented for FY 2001-2002, SCAG membership dues remain among the lowest in the nation on a per-capita basis.

The Administration Committee recommended that the Regional Council approved the proposed membership dues increase.

It was MOVED (Tyler). SECONDED (Lowe) with one OPPOSITION to APPROVE the Membership Dues Increase.

#### 4.2 Transportation & Communications Committee (TCC) Report

##### 4.2.1 Planning for Integrated Land Use and Transportation (PILUT)

The PILUT Process (Planning for Integrated Land Use and Transportation) is an integrated strategy to more efficiently produce many of SCAG's major work items. PILUT will provide the organizational foundation to support an ongoing planning process designed to maximize effectiveness and to minimize duplicative efforts. This innovative response to limited resources and challenging planning issues will: (1) Produce the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP); (2) Produce the 2004 RTP Environmental Impact Report (EIR); (3) Reinforce the Growth Visioning process; (4) Provide ongoing public outreach; and (4) Update the Regional Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Roberts, Chair, stated that the TCC recommended approving the PILUT process. It was MOVED (Roberts), SECONDED (Garcia) and UNANIMOUSLY.



4.2.2 Coordination of Proposed Improvements on I-15 at the Count Line between Riverside and San Diego

Mayor Roberts, Chair, stated that Riverside County Measure A extension calls for adding at least one mixed flow lane in each direction on I-15 from SR-60 to the County line between Riverside and San Diego. This would increase the number of lanes on the Riverside portion of I-15 from existing 8 mixed flow lanes to 10 lanes. There are no plans for High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes on this freeway on the Riverside side.

The TCC recommended that the Regional Council approve SCAG working with RCTC, SANDAG, Caltrans Districts 8 & 11, City of Temecula and other interested parties to ensure coordination of data and proposed improvements on I-15 in the vicinity of the county line between Riverside and San Diego Counties.

It was MOVED (Roberts), SECONDED (McCarthy) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to approve the recommendation.

4.2.3 Tunnel Proposal for I-710 Gap Closure

It was reported by Mayor Roberts that a proposal to study an extension of the I-710 Freeway from I-10 to I-210 was presented to the South Pasadena City Council on Wednesday, January 15, 2003. There were presentations by Roger Snoble, Executive Director of LACMTA, Mark Pisano, Executive Director of SCAG, and Assemblywoman Carol Liu (D-La Canada Flintridge). The City Council action was not to oppose the study of a tunnel freeway connection from the Long Beach Freeway to the Foothill Freeway by the MTA and other interested agencies, and to participate with the agencies in studying issues raised at the meeting,

It was recommended by the TCC that SCAG staff work with LACMTA, Caltrans, the cities of Los Angeles, Alhambra, South Pasadena, & Pasadena including other interested parties in further refining the concept of a tunnel option to close the I-710 gap between I-10 and I-210.

There were 40 AYES and 1 NOE. The recommendation PASSED

4.3 Energy & Environment Committee (EEC) Report

No report

#### 4.4 **Community, Economic & Human Development (CEHD)**

##### 4.4.1 **Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Current FY Work Priorities**

Mayor Alexander, Chair, stated that on February 6, 2003, the Regional Council and CEHD Committee took action regarding a shortage of funding available in the State budget for Regional Housing Needs Assessments. Staff was directed to report back on activities that could be undertaken during the remainder of the current fiscal year with the \$21,067 budgeted for RHNA activities.

The CEHD recommended affirmation of SCAG staff work plan for the current fiscal year in preparation for the 2004 RHHA.

There were 38 AYES and 3 NOES (Robertson, White, Shields).  
The motion PASSED.

#### 4.5 **Communications Task Force Report**

Councilmember Proo, Chair, stated that staff is continuing in developing and implementing a coordinated public outreach program for all SCAG programs and projects. Our Communication Strategy has been updated to reflect these efforts.

In addition it was reported at the last RC meeting, volunteers were solicited to help carry the SCAG message to their peers and constituents. The 38 RC members that agreed to participate in the process were thanked. The list was circulated a second time to allow opportunity for members that had not signed up to do so.

It was announced that the annual General Assembly is scheduled for Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> and will be held at SCAG.

Plans are underway for the RC Retreat. The Retreat is scheduled for Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> in Brea.

### 5.0 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### 5.1 **Monthly Financial Report**

Bert Becker's report contained financial data related to SCAG's cash flow, as well as budget and expense data for the first seven months of fiscal year 2002-2003. He also presented update information on the approval of budget

## **6.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

No items were presented for the agenda.

## **7.0 LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

### **7.1 Closed Session**

There was no closed session. However, Colin Lennard, General Counsel, reported that the Judge dismissed the case re:

- AVT-Train.com. Inc. v. U.S. 101 Freeway Corridor  
Improvement Study Steering Committee California DOT,  
LACMTA, SCAG, City of LA, Las Virgenes Malibu  
Council of Governments  
Conference with Legal Counsel –existing litigation to be  
heard in closed session in pursuant to California  
Government Code Section §54956.9(a)
- SCAG v. HCD & BT&H  
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Government Code Section §54956.9(a)


This item will be brought back at the next meeting.

## **8.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements presented at this time.

## **9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 3, 2003 at SCAG Offices.**



Mark Pisano, Executive Director